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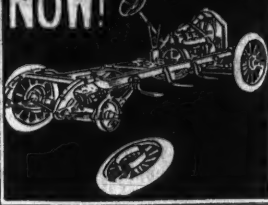
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Owing to Christmas Day falling on Friday, the Townsman will be issued on Thursday of next week. All contributions and advertisements for the paper should be in the first of the week.

Schools close today for a week.

Andrew Basso, the local fruit dealer, who has been ill with pneumonia, is able to be out again.

Mrs. William L. Hogg and son are spending a short time with friends in Newton Centre.

Miss Georgianna Lovejoy of Smith College is spending the Christmas holidays at the home of her parents.

Wm. Bowman, a well-known plumber, has entered the employ of the Andover Plumbing and Heating Co.

Rev. Franklin H. Reeves of North Chelmsford exchanged pulpits with Rev. F. A. Wilson of the Free church last Sunday.

At the meeting of the T. W. T. club of the South church on Tuesday evening Rev. E. Victor Bigelow gave a talk on American immigrants.

Mrs. Ralph D. Head of Pittsfield is making a visit to her parents, Hon. and Mrs. John N. Cole, over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hickey and daughter Anna, of Needham, spent a few days recently at the home of Mrs. Hickey's parents on Elm street.

Remember the entertainment and sale at the Grange next Monday evening. FREE barge leaves the Square at 7 o'clock, making one trip only.

Mrs. Percival Perry of Dover, Maine, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson, Whittier street.

L. D. Sherman of this town gave an illustrated talk on the subject, "Photographing Wild Game," at a meeting of the North Andover club held last evening.

Andover lodge, I. O. O. F., worked the second degree on candidates from Hope lodge of Methuen, Wauwinet lodge of North Andover, and the local organization last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. J. J. Dean of Locke street has written an interesting little book called "Bars Between" which is on sale at the Bookstore. It is a Quaker story and makes a most acceptable Christmas gift.

Over 1500 invitations were issued for the coming out ball of Miss Irene Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Wood of "Arden", which took place in the Somerset Hotel in Boston on Monday. Among the ushers were the two brothers of Miss Wood, Cornelius and William M. Jr.

The Christmas tree and entertainment for the primary department of the Free Church Sunday School will be given on the afternoon before Christmas in the vestry of the church from 3 to 5 o'clock. In the evening the main school will have their entertainment.

The Rev. Charles H. Gates, who died last Saturday in Auburndale, was a graduate of the Andover Theological Seminary in the class of 1850. He was a pioneer missionary in Iowa, going there when there were no railroads west of Chicago. He made his rounds on horseback, preaching often in log cabins.

Announcements have been received in town of the wedding of Arthur Bliss, Jr., of this town and Miss Eleanor Ament Goodlin, which took place last Sunday at the home of the bride in Greensburg, Pa. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Edward S. Bromer of the First Reformed church of Greensburg. Mr. and Mrs. Bliss will live on Central Street.

The Berkshire Hills School for Boys, at Egremont, Mass., was destroyed by fire on Sunday last. The loss of \$30,000 was partially covered by insurance, and by hard work the boys managed to save most of the contents of the three-story building. The proprietor and principal of the school was George D. Pettie, well known as a former teacher in Phillips.

In probate court, Lawrence, Wednesday, Judge Harry R. Dow decreed that Mrs. Florence Glazier of this town, was living apart from her husband for justifiable reasons and gave her the custody of two minor children. Mrs. Glazier petitioned the court for separate maintenance and support of her children, alleging desertion, threats, and failure to provide.

The painting exhibited in H. F. Chase's window is causing a deal of favorable comment. It is a picture in oil of a hunting party and was painted by William Harnden Foster, a local young man, whose pictures have been accepted by several magazines. This one is a new departure, his former subjects being more of a mechanical nature, but it goes to show that his talent is not restricted.

The Reading road seems to be a favorite place on which to burn up automobiles. On Monday evening a Jackson touring car was totally consumed by fire, which was caused by the backfire, a little beyond Baker's turnout. The car belonged to G. H. Peters of Malden, who with several bystanders looked on while \$2600 went up in smoke. No one was injured. The auto truck responded on a call from Mr. Myerscough, who went to the scene to tow the wreck to the garage, but the fire had practically burned out before its arrival.

See A. Basso's Christmas ad of fruit and candy in another column.

The Dorcas Circle of the Free church will omit its meeting next Monday evening.

The annual meeting of Lincoln lodge, A. O. U. W., will be held in their hall this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Odlin and daughter Irene of Boston are visiting relatives in town.

James Anderson, instructor at the Military Academy in Billerica, is at home for the holidays.

A fur collar, beaver, was left in the Bookstore, one day last week. Will the owner please call for same.

The Christmas concert of the Free Church Sunday School will take place at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

An alarm was rung in from box 45 last evening calling the auto truck to a supposed blaze in Bishop hall.

Dr. Hiland Holt has moved his family from Salem street to the house formerly occupied by William Hodge on Elm street.

Miss Mary Kyle, who has been visiting her parents in Flint court, has returned to her duties as nurse in the Boston City Hospital.

Mrs. S. M. Nichols, a former resident in town, who has been in Maine for several years, is again living in Andover, having a room at Loren Taylor's house on High street.

Mrs. Frank A. Buttrick and Miss Alice S. Coutts attended the dinner and theatre party which was conducted by the Lawrence Order Eastern Star in Boston Saturday.

A group of boys and girls of the South Church Sunday School is rehearsing a pretty cantata of Kris Kringle's toy makers to be given to the public next Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock in the vestry of the South church.

Miss Edith Johnson of the North School and Miss Bernice Stimpson of the Stowe school have been away from their duties part of the week on account of illness. Mrs. George T. Ridings and Mrs. Grace Thomas, both of Lawrence, substituted, respectively.

Mrs. George Mears was pleasantly surprised on her birthday Monday evening when a number of friends called to congratulate her. During the evening she was presented with a mahogany serving tray from friends and a bouquet of carnations from the W. B. C. After a delightful social time, refreshments were served.

Last Saturday evening several members of the Woman's Relief Corps called upon Mrs. Davis of Chestnut street, a charter member of the Corps, to offer congratulations upon her having reached her eightieth birthday. The president, Mrs. Buchanan, in behalf of the Corps, presented Mrs. Davis with flowers and a five-dollar gold piece.

After the holidays an important exhibit of paintings by contemporary American artists will be held at the John-Esther Gallery of Abbot Academy. The exhibition, which comes from the American Federation of Arts in Washington, will be free to the public and will continue for several weeks. The names of the artists will be announced later.

An informal reception will be given Rev. William E. Lombard of the local Baptist church, at the Pilgrim Congregational church, Cambridge, by the class of young men and women he has been teaching during the past eight weeks. Mr. Lombard has been giving a series of talks on the life of Christ, and discussions and study have made it especially interesting.

LOST—A large old-fashioned house key about four inches long. Also small brown alligator purse containing sum of money. Finder please leave at post office and be suitably rewarded.

Guild Subscribers

The treasurer of the Andover Guild acknowledges the following contributions to the regular work of the Guild: Walter Buck, Miss Alice D. Donald, Mrs. Edith M. Grant, Harry M. Eames, Mrs. James F. Richards, Miss Gertrude E. Sherman, George L. Selden.

Christmas Waits in Andover

Next Thursday evening from five to six o'clock, Andover is to hear some Christmas carols in the street. This is a revival of the old English custom of waits who used to sing on Christmas Eve.

A year ago the carols were sung on Beacon Hill with great success. The spirit has spread to many other places, and Andover is among the first.

The early hour is chosen so that it will not interfere with other plans. The boys and girls who are to sing are from the choirs of the Free and Episcopal churches.

Stop, Look and Listen for the Waits!

Natural History Society

The Andover Natural History Society held an interesting meeting in the School Committee room Tuesday evening, December 15. The speaker of the evening was Bradford A. Scudder, Secretary of the Massachusetts Fish and Game Protective Association. His practical talk on "Best Methods of Attracting Birds to Our Homes," illustrated by drawings of types of bird-houses best suited to their accommodation, proved very entertaining, as well as instructive, and was much appreciated by the members and visiting friends present. We are hoping for another visit from Mr. Scudder and can assure him of a hearty welcome.

J. E. HOLT

Music at Christ Church

On December 20, being the fourth Sunday in Advent, the order of service at 10.30 will be as follows:

Organ Prelude, "Shepherd Song"	E. F. Jones
Proclamation, Hymn 482	H. W. Parker
Venite	
Te Deum Laudamus in D	J. T. Field
Benedictus	
Introit, Hymn 44	G. Burder
Kyrie	H. E. Winter
Gloria Tibi	Antient
Hymn 421	F. J. Hayden
Offertory Anthem, "Hosanna unto Me, My People"	A. S. Sullivan
Recessional, Hymn 317	W. H. Monk
Organ Postlude, "March of Israelites"	M. Costa

Parker's "Holy Child" will be sung by the choir on Sunday afternoon, December 27. L. D. Scriven, violinist, of Boston will assist at this service. The program will be announced next week.

Births

In Stoneham, December 13, 1914, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Batchelder. Mrs. Batchelder was formerly Miss Dorothy Jaquith.
In Andover, December 15, 1914, a son to Mr. and Mrs. John McGraw, Abbott Village.
In Andover, December 16, 1914, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Allen, 72 Salem street.

Mr. Joseph Emile Daudelin of the Boston Institute of Music devotes one day each week to violin instruction in Andover. The numerous advantages held out to violin students need not be mentioned when it is stated that the pupils will be under the personal instruction of Mr. Joseph Emile Daudelin, who received his musical education at the Paris Conservatoire and among his teachers were the famous Jules Garcin, Emile Pessard and Henri Leonard. A special course is provided for those who, being occupied throughout the day, can give but a limited amount of time to their music. For terms and other information address Joseph Emile Daudelin, Briggs-Allen School, Aero Building, Andover; or, Steinert Hall, Boston, Mass.

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McDOUGALL'S MUSINGS

The Rejuvenation of Old Father Christmas

I take for my text this week the title of a little book written by the Rev. Edgar Park, who was the West Parish minister some years ago and was a respected citizen as well as a faithful pastor.

Being an Irishman Mr. Park has the sense of humor. The want of humor is said to be the deadly sin spoken of by the Apostle John, and the want of humor in a clergyman makes his sermons dry moral essays. To be able to tell a story which brings out the meaning of the subject on hand is a rare gift.

The making of old Father Christmas young again as shown forcibly in Mr. Park's book is to go back to the manger in Bethlehem and see the heavenly Babe that brought the good news of great joy to all mankind, and the story of the old Irishman who cleaned a stall in the stable carefully and then spread nice sweet hay in the manger and finished by going down on his knees and praying for a new heart and that he might be born again at least once a year, has a beauty and freshness, and makes old Father Christmas young again, which the advertisements of the variety stores telling us to do our Christmas shopping early and avoid the crush, fails to do.

Then Mr. Park's description of the scientific charitable bureau, with the young lady writing typewritten letters and dropping them into a tube, shows clearly that it is the personal visit and not a scientific charitable bureau that makes the good news welcome.

There is a tendency lately to deplore the state of the factory worker, and I am not sure that Mr. Park is correct in classing the mill operative as living in a hovel, the broken window-pane filled up with an old garment to keep out the wind, and his not wanting any "Santa Claus nonsense" but more money in his pay envelope may be true where the contents of the pay envelope are mostly spent on "wet goods." It might be as well to keep some of the sympathy of

our genteel sentimentalists for the idle rich who, as our Scotch pastor puts it, "By downright want of work are cursed."

The pictures in the book are chaste and neat and illustrate the text, a contrast to the gaudy, almost indecent pictures of some of our daily newspapers.

A good book is a lifelong friend, and the reading of this rejuvenation of Father Christmas and yearly visiting the altar of the old Irishman and being born again at least "one" a year, would make all of us better men and women. Mr. Park's book is not like a box of candy, as it can be read and digested and then given to a friend who may read it and then hand it to his neighbor. We all need to be made over again at least once a year!

Sixty years ago in Scotland the Presbyterian churches did not mention Christmas or Easter in their calendar, as they considered them to be "popish" or "Episcopal" names. Not that the Scotch kirk did not observe both of these festivals in their own way. Although they had no public services on Christmas Day, on the Sunday before Christmas at the usual service the clergyman would give out the hymn of which from memory I quote the first stanza.

"While humble shepherds watched their flocks
In Bethlehem's plains by night,
An angel sent from heav'n appeared
And filled the plains with light."

Then on Easter Sunday they began the service by singing the hymn
"Blest morn'ng! whose first dawning rays
Beheld the Son of God,
Arise triumphant from the grave
And leave his dark abode."

Today the Presbyterians in Scotland do not think it "heresy" to speak of Easter or Christmas and have even in many of their churches got a "sinful kist o' whistles" as these good people called the organ.

IAN McDOUGALL.

"The Rejuvenation of Father Christmas by J. Edgar Park, published by the Pilgrim Press, 50 cents net."

SOCCER

Andover 3, Lawrence 1

By defeating Lawrence at Glen Essex Saturday Andover United took the lead and continued the only undefeated team in the Lawrence and Lowell district league. The game was a good one despite the condition of the field which was frozen and partially thawed by the bright sun. The weather was ideal and there was a good attendance. Andover played the first five minutes with nine men, but Lawrence was unable to take advantage of this. The footing was insecure and it was not until the second half when the surface had been broken up that the men could play with any degree of skill. Coleman was the outstanding figure in the first half, being the backbone of the defense and forcing the attack with well-directed passes. In the second period Andover completely outplayed their opponents, the forwards gave a grand exhibition and the backs, with Downs to the fore, kept the Lawrence team from ever appearing dangerous.

Andover kicked off two men short; Lawrence got down at once. Rae slipped and failed to reach the ball on a cross but Weston shot over. Andover got to the Lawrence end but the ball was soon back at midfield. Page and Doherty came on the field and things looked brighter for the United. The big chance for an early score by Lawrence seemed gone but they pressed hard on the Andover defense. Shaw shot past from far out. Again Lawrence came and forced a corner. W. Roberts kicked behind. Lawrence kept up the pressure and Shaw, shooting from twenty yards, caught J. Deymond napping; the ball had landed in the corner of the net before the goal-keeper woke up. Andover centered and were soon in the vicinity of Turton and Ashworth. Turton slipped and failed to clear a cross from the left. Page burst through and equalized, to the delight of the Andover followers. Near the end of the half Page was tripped in the goal area. Rae took the penalty kick but shot straight into Rennie's hands. Half time, one goal each.

Andover—J. Deymond; Rae and Downs; Coleman, Black and Rennie; W. Deymond, Cairnie, Page, Doherty and Skea.

Lawrence—Rennie; Turton and Ashworth; H. Roberts, Leister and Weeks; Weston, Shaw, Darlington, Poole and W. Roberts.



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AT THE THEATRES

BOSTON THEATRES

HOLLIS

When Charles Frohman presents "The Beautiful Adventure" at the Hollis Street theatre, Boston, next Monday evening, the occasion will be momentous from varied standpoints. In the first place it will be one of the first presentations of a present season New York success in Boston, as the play comes to that city after its three months' vogue at the Lyceum theatre, New York; secondly it will bring to Boston in the person of the featured player, Miss Ann Murdock, a young actress who after several seasons of acting in Broadway hits has at last come into her own, as the role of Helene De Trevillac is so suited to her admirable talents and she proved so capable of its complete interpretation, that she scored a tremendous personal triumph in New York; and lastly "The Beautiful Adventure" will bring to that city what is said to be the most perfect cast ever brought together by Charles Frohman, and when one considers Mr. Frohman's long record as America's foremost producer, it can be seen that this statement must mean something exceedingly out of the ordinary. "The Beautiful Adventure" is an aptly named story of youth and love and charming old age, written by R. De Fiers and A. De Caillavet, who are best remembered as the authors of Miss Billie Burke's famous vehicle, "Love Watches." The cast numbers over thirty.

SHUBERT

The marvels of the New York Hippodrome, the largest and most famous playhouse in all the world, are to be brought to Boston for an engagement of two and a half weeks beginning Thursday, December 24, when the spectacular production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pinafore" made there last spring and talked of from one end of the continent to the other, is to be presented at the Shubert theatre.

The Hippodrome production of "Pinafore" is not to be compared with any other production of this classic ever made, for the simple reason that no production originating in that marvelous institution can be reasonably compared with any other stage presentation.

In the first place, the entire stage of the Shubert is to be flooded with real water, necessitating an expense never before attempted in the history of the local amusements. On this real water will ride a real ship, an exact reproduction of an eighteenth century English frigate.

The principal roles will be sung by a

Lime for New England Soil

As a part of its work in encouraging agriculture and endeavoring to increase the productiveness of New England's soil the New Haven road is distributing 10,000 copies of a little pamphlet prepared by W. H. Seeley, manager of its Industrial Bureau, explaining the need and use of lime for the soil.

As the booklet explains, lime is a very important element of the soil and when applied in conjunction with fertilizer substantially increases productiveness. In New England, while both natural and commercial fertilizer has been applied in order to maintain humus and stimulate the soil's productiveness, the use of lime has been largely neglected. It has been estimated that 75 per cent of the land in New England is now in need of lime.

New England farmers should not want for lime because, as the pamphlet points out, New England possesses an inexhaustible and yet undeveloped supply of natural limestone of unsurpassed quality in the Housatonic Valley, extending from southwestern Connecticut through Massachusetts and Vermont to the Canadian border. Maine also has inexhaustible supplies, especially in the southeastern part of the state.

Every railroad agent in the rural districts is to have a supply of these pamphlets for free distribution and copies may also be had upon application to the railroad's Industrial Bureau, South Station, Boston.

Red Cross Seals Decrease Tuberculosis Rate

"Would to God your work had started fifty years ago," was the comment of an Arizona consumptive, in writing the other day to Dr. Hoyt E. Dearholt, executive secretary of the Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis Association. Part of the letter follows:



"Fine work, old chap! That decrease in the death rate seems a remarkable gain to me. I had not expected results as soon as that. I have always laughed at the authorities who claimed that in ten years a case of tuberculosis would be undone in ten years, and so I marvel at your wonderful progress. I trust the errors in statistics, if any, are all in your favor. You inspire me. Would to God your work had started fifty years ago. Probably then the disease would have missed me."

company of grand opera artists selected with great care and rehearsed under the personal direction of William J. Wilson, general stage manager of the Hippodrome. The whole production has been made under the watchful eye of that wizard of stage-craft, Arthur Voegtlin, the presiding genius of the Hippodrome and the designer of all its marvelous stage effects.

PLYMOUTH

During the coming holidays give yourself the biggest theatrical treat in years by witnessing Cyril Maude, the distinguished English actor appearing in "Grumpy" at the Plymouth theatre, Boston. The piece has won the unanimous praise of both press and public, and is acclaimed the most notable attraction that Boston has had for a long time. It is on the eve of its seventh week and despite the fact that the Christmas holidays tend to lessen attendance at the theatre, "Grumpy" is playing to unusually large and appreciative audiences. To see "Grumpy" is to enjoy a real treat.

Give yourself an appropriate Christmas gift by seeing this play. There will be an extra matinee on Friday, Christmas Day, in addition to the regular Thursday and Saturday matinees. As usual, mail orders will be given strict and accurate attention when made payable to Fred E. Wright, Manager.

CORT

Since the beginning of the theatrical season new plays have come and gone in Boston, but "Peg o' My Heart" still continues her merry way at the Cort theatre, where this popular comedy is approaching its fifth month of prosperity. Since Labor Day, when this play opened the season of the Cort, some of the greatest stars of the stage world have appeared here and only one has gone beyond a few weeks of endurance. To those who have seen Peg, however, this might cause but little wonder, for plays of problem, sex and other usual themes appeal only to a limited class—each according to its light. "Peg o' My Heart" is different. J. Hartley Manners, the author, has written in this a story that appeals not only once but many times in such a vein of varied pathos, romance and humor that the seeing of it the second or third time improves upon the first pleasant impression. As the critics unanimously proclaimed, it is a play worth while. It is announced that the scale of prices for the extra Christmas Day matinee will be the same as that of the regular matinee of Wednesday, from 25 cents to \$1.50.

The Rejuvenation of Father Christmas

"The Rejuvenation of Father Christmas" is a delightful little story told in allegorical form, but clear enough for anybody to see that it endeavors to teach the truth which all really wise people have already learned, i.e., there can be no real joy, contentment or happiness in this world unless man possesses the spirit of Christ, the great Teacher, who came to show us the way to real happiness.

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"Not what we give, but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare;
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three,—
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At the Phillips Academy chapel on Wednesday afternoon Mr. Pfaltteicher gave a Christmas organ recital, which was much enjoyed by the audience. The following is the program:

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Aus Meines Herzens Grunde Karg-Elert
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Offertory on Two Xmas Hymns: Alex. Guilmant
Noel; Adeste Fideles
Variations on "O Sanctissima" Heinrich Pfaltteicher
(O du froliche) Alex. Guilmant
Offertory on Xmas Hymns.
Noel; Voici le jour solennel
Fuer nobis nascitur Joseph est dies marie
A minuit fut fait reveil

Poor Bill!

Smart Teacher—And what is your name, little boy?
Little Boy—Julius.
S. T. (pointing her pencil as she prepares to write)—Julius—I suppose you mean Julius. And (addressing the second little boy) what is your name?
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scious of her wrong when caught by Mrs. Bumstead-Leigh.

The minor parts of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Leavitt, neighbors of the Rawson family, were interestingly taken by Robert E. Stone and Miss Marjorie Crocker.

The story of the play is as follows: Old Jim Sayles made a fortune in Sissapoo Stomach Bitters out in Missionary Luke, Indiana. After his death, his elder daughter got tired of the flat existence in the home town and moved her family to Washington, where they were received into high society after the name was changed, in some inexplicable manner, to de Salle. From here they traveled to Europe and hobnobbed with earls and dukes, and here Miss de Salle married the Rev. Bumstead-Leigh, a modest man, but one well suited to her plans. After ten years abroad they come back to America and on the trip across meet Anthony Rawson, who, immediately in the eyes of Mrs. Bumstead-Leigh, is the future husband of her sister Violet. They visit the Rawson household and are introduced to the Leavitts. Complications arise. Peter Swallow, the afore-mentioned monument maker, in his travels East, hears of the de Salles and tells the Leavitts of his suspicions that they are not what they seem. Mr. Leavitt communicates with Anthony Rawson, who does not quite believe the tale, but who finds his adoration of Violet waning, as he listens to this story of how they made their money. Peter is invited to meet Mrs. Bumstead-Leigh at luncheon, but when confronted with her arch glances, foreign speech and Paris make-up he is dumfounded and knows not which way to turn. Everything would have been well, if Violet, at this moment had not confessed to the sham, and it seems for a time as if the de Salles were doomed to everlasting ignominy.

Geoffrey Rawson, only, who is in love with Violet, but has made no advances because of her position as his brother's fiancée, remains true, and thereupon confesses his love for her. Mrs. Bumstead-Leigh has in her possession certain facts with which she confronts Anthony Rawson, and because of his fear of her, he brings his father and aunt around into the acceptance of the de Salle family as social equals. Everything turns out well; Violet is received with open arms, not, however, as the fiancée of Anthony, but as the intended wife of Geoffrey Rawson. The family is invited to stay another week and Mrs. Bumstead-Leigh accepts with the condition that "ma" be willing.

Likely

Judge—Officer, what's the matter with the prisoner—tell her to stop that crying—she's been at it fifteen minutes. (More sobs.)

Officer—Please, sir, I'm a-thinking she wants to be bailed out.

Andover Guild

The Christmas plans of the Guild begin to unfold Saturday morning when the junior department will have a party when everyone who brings a present will get one, and there will be good things to eat, games and a nice, big surprise. The party will be from ten to twelve instead of the sewing school and will be engineered by Miss Blunt and her four assistants.

Saturday afternoon a delegation from the K. T. club will carry the completed scrap-books to the Lawrence Y. W. C. A. to be distributed later as Christmas presents to the little foreign children of the Institute. The girls have enjoyed this bit of service and have worked hard on the books.

The Friendship club will meet Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at the Guild to be fitted to costumes for the junior play to be given Monday night.

Monday night will bring the Christmas party with tree, gifts for all who bring them (costing not more than ten cents), refreshments, a short entertainment given by the junior club—a play, entitled "Once upon a Christmas Time," and dancing with Miss Bessie Johnson at the piano. This party from eight to ten o'clock is for all Guild members, both boys and girls.

The Guild will be closed Christmas week, not reopening until December 28, with boys' night.

Saturday night, two basketball games will be played by our first and second teams with Company F of the Lawrence Armory and with the Andover Athletics.

P. A. Notes

Last Saturday afternoon the combined musical clubs, and a few favored students who had received special invitations, left in a private car for Rogers Hall. Upon the arrival of the fellows at their destination a short reception was held during which the fellows were introduced to the different girls and given their dance programs. Directly after this they went to the gym where the concert was to be given. The program consisted of several selections by the different clubs and two solos by Gleason. The Banjo and Mandolin clubs played very well, and Heely and Stevens, their respective leaders, deserve much credit for the hard work they have put in during the fall.

The Society of Inquiry closed the term last Sunday with an illustrated lecture on Palestine. Mr. Stackpole gave the talk and showed a fine collection of slides illustrating the life of the people of that country. Mr. Stackpole gave an illustrated talk at the beginning of the year on the same subject, but his talk this time was quite different and he had an entirely new set of slides. He told how he had been able to get a lot of new slides through the generosity of Herbert Chase, who got the pictures from Dr. Merrill, the late U. S. Consul at Jerusalem.

ABBOTT VILLAGE

Mr. and Mrs. John McGraw are rejoicing over the birth of a son on Tuesday.

Daniel McGuire of Moraine street has gone to Haverhill to reside with his brother in that city.

Miss Eva Cunio of Woburn spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Timothy McCarthy of Red Spring road.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex McGlaughlin of Red Spring road visited at the home of Mrs. Joseph Soutar in Melrose this week.

The Andover United football team will travel to Lynn tomorrow to play the General Electric in the State Cup tie. The following will be the team for Andover: J. Deyermund; Rae and Downs; Coleman, Black and Hennie; W. Deyermund, Cairnie, Page, Doherty and Skea.

Abbot Academy Notes

Abbot Academy was fortunate in having as guests during the last week of the fall term two distinguished visitors—Mr. John Kendrick Bangs and Mrs. Josephine Peabody Marks.

Mr. Bangs read three of his Christmas stories on Friday evening and left a genuine Christmas spirit with all who heard him. He chose for reading two stories of the appeal made by little waifs to New York clubmen, "The Conversion of Hetherington" and "The House of the Seven Santas," and a fantastic prophecy concerning the year 3565, called "Glances Ahead."

Mr. Bangs has a vigorous and magnetic personality and read with much expression and sympathy. His listeners remained spellbound by the word-pictures which he drew. Very interesting, too, were the humorous introduction to the reading and the story of how he came to write each tale. A pleasant evening has seldom been spent in Davis Hall.

Mrs. Marks, who read at the meeting of the November Club Monday afternoon, had dinner at Abbot and in the evening very kindly consented to read some of her lovely children's poems to a group of the Seniors.

On Sunday evening the regular Christmas service was held with the organ recital of Christmas music by Prof. Ashton. The last event of the year, before the school closed for the holidays, was the Draper Hall Christmas tree on Tuesday evening.

A Daughter's Laughter

With increasing amusement he laughed, because of his daughter's wild laughter; Then he said: "Though I seem to be daught, I am sure that my daughter is daught-ter."

—Ladies' Home Journal

Grange Notes

At the regular meeting of the Grange held on Tuesday evening, reports from the State Grange were given by the master, Fred Swanton, Mrs. Carter for the Educational Aid Fund and Ira B. Hill for the lecturer's hour. Miss Madeleine Hewes read a finely-prepared paper on The Condition of Child Labor in the South, and a mixed quartet furnished music.

The next regular meeting will be held on January 12, 1915, at which time the installation of officers will take place. Mr. Wheelock, state chaplain, of Marlboro, will be the installing officer.

Next Monday evening comes the supper, entertainment and sale of the Woman's Club of the Grange. An enjoyable time is promised to all who attend. A free barge will leave the square at 7 o'clock and will make but one trip. Supper will be served from 6.30 to 8.30, no other comment being necessary. At half past eight the entertainment will begin, consisting of a short drama and a musical farce. A sale of fancywork and other things suitable for Christmas gifts will be held and the public is very cordially invited to buy them out.

Those who are to take part in the entertainment, which, by the way, is under the able direction of Mrs. Hubert Mayo, are Clifford Dunnells, Kenneth Hilton, Edna Ward, Mrs. Mary Moor, Grace Eaton, Florence Pike, Margaret Taylor, Archie Mayo, Mrs. Hubert Mayo, and Mr. and Mrs. William Casey of Lawrence. Everything is sure to be up to the Andover Grange standard which is very hard to beat.

Christ Church Notes

On Christmas Day the services will be Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m., and again at 10.30 a.m., with sermon. At the latter hour the shortened form of Morning Prayer will be used and the Boy Choir will sing.

On Christmas Eve there will be a beautiful service for the Sunday School in the church at 7.15 p.m., with carols and address. The Christmas tree will be in the chancel front. Gifts will be brought and presented, as "an offering before the Lord," to be sent afterwards to the Anseme Home in Reading.

The second part of the School Christmas will be for Santa Claus. On Thursday afternoon, December 24, at 3 o'clock, Miss Merrill's class will have its tree, with presents, games, candy bags, and ice cream, in the parish house. At 7.15 on Monday, December 28, the rest of the school will meet to watch a most interesting Christmas play and to receive their gifts from Santa Claus and sing carols.

The parents and friends of the scholars are cordially invited and urged to come to the school service on Christmas Eve, at 7.15 o'clock. The boy choir will sing.

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FREDERICK G. MOORE, Secretary

December 16, 1914

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The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Andover National Bank will be held at their banking-rooms, Tuesday, the 12th day of January, 1915, at 9.15 a. m., for the choice of directors and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

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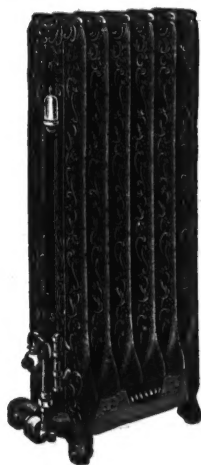
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The travels of the Townsman reporter as reflected in the clever verses in last week's paper, made quite an impression on the editor as well as upon many other readers. Perhaps not the same impression, however, because we cannot help emphasizing what seemed to permeate the "Pome", that, after all, Andover offered every necessary opportunity for the people of the town to purchase Christmas gifts.

Few citizens realize the value of co-operation in a small community like Andover. Few realize that the very things they fail to find one season will surely be on hand the next season, if only there is coupled with the request when first made, a spirit of interest in the store patronized, the stock displayed, and the merchants who are uniformly desirous of pleasing their customers here in town. Let the interest be lacking, let the business decrease from year to year, and there is very little incentive for the store-keeper to replace his stock the next season.

We know a number of businesses in Andover that have stagnated, because the proprietors on the one hand have failed to do their parts, and the public on the other hand has failed to do its part. We know other businesses that have thrived, because they have been a little ahead of the demands of the public, the service rendered has always been a little more than the size of the place or the demands of the community have had a right to expect, but for the dealers there has come increasing patronage and increasing recognition. Perhaps more of the dealers know how to work this out than we realize; certainly much of the public knows how to do its share, and at this time, when business is finding it difficult to get its proper rewards, it is not untimely to recommend a more hearty spirit of co-operation between the man who sells and the man who buys, to the end that local business may profit by the Christmas purchases.

We wish it might be possible to make a record at the close of the year that every business in Andover had gained in patronage over the previous year, because Andover people had increased their purchases among the local shopkeepers, and the shopkeepers had reciprocated by improved service.

Editorial Cinders

Andover was glad to welcome the "Brookline players", both for comparison with the Barnstormers who have been attempting locally to do for Andover what the Brookline players have been doing for their community, and because of the genuine merit which the Brookline players were known to possess. The play which was presented by the visiting organization, afforded opportunity for skillful acting by several of the players, and for a support by the others which in its simplicity and naturalness gave an opportunity for testing the team work possessed by this organization. Andover will welcome the same organization again, and will hope to have an opportunity to reciprocate by having some of the people from the Barnstormers contribute to the enjoyment of a Brookline audience as effectively as they have to their home friends. The interchange thus begun cannot fail to work out if continued, to the pleasure and profit of, not only those who are parties in the play, but those who have an opportunity to enjoy the work presented.

The close of the schools brings the Christmas rest to educational Andover. With the exception of the serious fire which came to Phillips Academy, the term just closed has been a rather uneventful one for the big institutions and smaller ones as well. Perhaps the quiet should be more properly considered an evidence of satisfaction and gratifying progress, for where youth goes along quietly, there is usually evidence of growth and development along right lines. May a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year come to both the teachers and the taught.

The Christmas music is filling a lot of space in this week's Townsman, indicating that the real note of the Christmas season is for that joy and good cheer which finds its most genuine expression in song and praise. The inviting programs ought to fill the churches, and the inviting programs, after they are rendered, ought to fill the minds and hearts of the Andover people with the right sort of doctrine to make not only the holidays more cheerful, but the coming year more helpful on the part of man to man.

Christmas Entertainment

The pupils of the sixth grade of Miss Spaulding's room in the Stowe school gave a pleasing entertainment, Friday afternoon. The room was decorated appropriately or the occasion. Those taking part were as follows:

Christmas is Here! School
 Recitation, "Christmas Stockings" Dorothy Ryley School
 Song, "The First Noel" School
 Recitation, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Margaret Lombard School
 Poem, "Christmas Bells" Margaret Lombard School
 Recitation, "Little Christmas Carollers" Pauline Sanderson, Gertrude McCarty, Katherine Weeks, School
 Song, "Why Do Bells at Christmas Ring?" School
 Recitation, "Christmas Carol" Gertrude Franklin

Recitation, "Guess Who?" Isabel Hatch
 Recitation, "Christmas Day" Randolph Perry
 Song, "Jolly Christmas" School
 Recitation, "Christmas Times" Emily Carullo
 Christmas Candles by eight boys
 Daniel Allen, Gilbert Stone, Allan Buttrick, Benjamin Cutler, Edward Germain, Jeremiah Kennelly, Vincent Hickey, Ralph Converse.
 Recitation, "The Christmas Star" Sarah Bodwell
 Recitation, "Writing to Santa Claus" Harold Drentmont
 Song, "Holy Night, Peaceful Night" School
 Reading, "From a Carpenter's Shop" Honora Cronin
 Recitation, "The Day Before Christmas" Everett Lawrence
 Poem, "The Landing of the Pilgrims" School
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CHRISTMAS IN CHURCHES

Special Musical Programs Arranged for Sunday and Christmas Day. Sunday School Concerts and Children's Festivals Planned For Santa Claus' Visit

Christmas exercises in song and story appropriate to the season will be given next Sunday in most of the churches. At Christ church the special music will be given on Christmas Day, to be repeated the following Sunday. At all the churches much preparation has been going on by the several choirs and the day of peace and good will will be welcomed by every congregation as a lull in the storm and strife that is going on across the water, with the news of which our local papers are filled. It is the day of rejoicing and if one cannot actually rejoice at this Christmastide, one can at least put aside for a day the ugly tales of bloodshed and horror and rest awhile in the serene peace of the world's Saviour.

SOUTH CHURCH 10.30 A.M.

While the congregation is gathering the choir will sing two carols

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Ryley
 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Handel
 Hymn, "Joy To the World" Crayshaw
 Anthem, "How Beautiful are the feet of them that bring good tidings" Crayshaw
 Hymn, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" R. S. Willis
 Hymn, "Adante Fideles" John Redding
 Postlude, Fugue in G Bach

Union Christmas Service

The program for the union Christmas service in the South church Sunday evening at 7.30 is as follows:

Organ and Violin
 "Largo" from Lucia Handel
 Mr. Moore and Master Raymond Martin, Lowell
 Hymn
 Responsive Reading
 Anthem, "Arie, Shine" Bach
 Prayer
 Address Robert Jonckheere, Contich, Belgium
 Offering
 Violin, "Berceuse" Master Martin
 Hymn
 Benediction
 Organ, "Homanna" Mr. Moore
 Duko

FREE CHURCH 10.30 A.M.

Organ, Pastoral in F Bach
 Choir Anthem, "Christians Awake" Mowbray
 Junior Choir, Carol, "The First Noel" Birch
 Choir Anthem, "There were shepherds" Birch
 Hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Mendelssohn
 Organ, Offertory, Serenade D'Eery
 Hymn, "Praises to Him whose Love has Given" Hatten
 Organ Postlude, Grand Chorus Spence

Sunday School Concert 4 P.M.

Organ Prelude, Fantasia on old Christmas Carols Faulstich
 Processional Carol, "Glory to God, Peace on the Earth"
 Hymn, "Angels from the Realms of Glory" Responsive Reading
 Prayer
 Response by Junior Choir, "Holy Night, Peaceful Night"
 Hymn, "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" Miss Fraser's Class
 Recitation, "The Christmas Story," Miss Fraser's Class
 Recitation, "Light of the World, the World is Dark About Thee" Miss Mary McDermitt

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Union Christmas Service

The King's Daughters' Courteous Circle will provide their customary public service at the South church at 7.30 o'clock. The feature of chief interest will be an address by Mr. Jonckheere, a refugee Belgian who escaped with his wife and six children after his house had been shelled by German artillery and his store destroyed by fire. An offering will be taken for the Belgian Relief Fund.

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 Recitation, "On the Christmas Morning" Hilda McKenna, Martha Buttrick, Margaret May, Annie Svenson, Lucy Stewart, Mary Keith.
 Choir Anthem, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel" Simple
 Recitation, "Christmas Bells" Miss Annie Leslie
 Recitation, "God Give Us Men" Allan Buttrick
 Tenor Solo, "Ora Pro Nobis" William McEwan Piccolini
 Offering
 Stereopticon views of Christ's Early Days
 Hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful" Benediction
 Organ Postlude, "Vexilla Regia" Whiting

WEST CHURCH 10.30 A.M.

Prelude, "Christmas March" Le Blanc
 Hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful" Anthem, "Break Forth Into Joy" Spence
 Solo, "The Virgin's Lullaby" D. Buck
 Miss Pauline Meyer
 Offertoire, "Andante" Balise
 Anthem, "The Earth Lay Wrapp'd" Sheldon
 Hymn, "Hark What Mean Those Holy Voices" Hymn, "While Angels Watched Their Flocks by Night"

Sunday School Festival Thursday at 7.00 P.M.

Processional Carol, "Holy Night, Peaceful Night" School
 Invocation in unison School
 Hymn, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" School
 "The Christmas Story" Primary Class
 Recitation, "Light of the World, the World is Dark About Thee" Mehebe Nicholas
 Carol, "Angels, From the Realms of Glory" School
 Recitation, "From a Carpenter's Shop" Willie Burr
 Luther's Carol, "Away in a Manger, No Crib for His Bed" School
 Recitation, "On the Christmas Morning" Phoebe Noyes
 Carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" School
 Christmas and the Nations
 A Scripture exercise by four classes
 Hymn, "The Morning Light is Breaking" School
 Recitation, "Longfellow's Christmas Bells" Dorothy Cutler
 Song, "Old Santa Claus" Helen Lewis
 Recitation, "God Give Us Men" Elliot Lawrence
 Hymn, "Joy to the World, the Lord is Come" School
 Unison Benediction School

BAPTIST CHURCH 10.30 A.M.

Prelude, "Offertoire" Balise
 Hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Phillips Brooks
 Offertory, "He Shall Feed His Flock" Mendelssohn
 Hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Handel
 Hymn, "Joy to the World" Handel
 Postlude, "Grand Choe" Duko

Sunday School Festival Thursday at 6.30 P.M.

At 6.30 p.m., Christmas Eve, there will be a supper especially for the children. No one will be admitted to the tables without a ticket, which can be secured free of cost from the teachers. Tickets will bear the name of the scholar and will be non-transferable. The line will form for the tables at 6.20 p.m.

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AMATEURS SCORE TRIUMPH

Visiting Organization from Brookline and Boston in "Mrs. Bumpstead Leigh," Under Auspices of the Barnstormers

The Amateurs of Brookline and Boston completely captivated a large Andover audience last Saturday evening when they gave one of the cleverest exhibitions of theatricals ever presented before the local public. Frequent bursts of applause during this delightful comedy showed that the play was one everyone could highly appreciate and heartily enjoy.

The Amateurs have developed one of the leading companies of its kind in the country, and the acting of its several players is rated high in the estimation of all those who have seen them perform. Those who witnessed the presentation of the title role by Mrs. Fiske at the initial performance of the play in the Lyceum theatre in New York three years ago, compare most favorably the acting of Mrs. Frederick H. Briggs of the Amateurs, with that of the noted actress.

The play is rightly named. Mrs. Bumpstead-Leigh is its very life. She is the schemer, the manager of her mother and sister and finally of the Rawson family, whose aristocratic notions were so severely shocked by her ancestry, business and present-day manners and methods. Her clever imitation of a highly bred and educated lady and her quick transition into the daughter of old Jim Sayles, with vulgar language and coarse mannerisms, when no one was near but her relatives, showed that she was an actress of no common type. She thought, she planned, she executed and her quick wit and skillful maneuvering saved her place in society and that of her mother and sister also, when all seemed lost. She flouted her rejected lover, Peter Swallow, in a manner that made of this cock-sure dealer in tombstones, a stammering, perspiring idiot, eager to get away from either her fiery shafts of satire or her indolent, sarcastic replies. She ruled Anthony Rawson by the power of her oratory, and through a knowledge of his underhanded ways, changed him from the arrogant, superior individual to the cringing suppliant ready to do anything she might command. Her mother was completely under her sway and the way in which Mrs. de Salle copied her very speech was decidedly funny. Her sister was harder to manage, but Mrs. Bumpstead-Leigh finally brought things out right when the end of all her social aspirations seemed pending.

The acting of Miss Emily Hale as Violet de Salle was of a fine order. Her tall figure, the dreamy-eyed type, a

little conscience-stricken, very much disturbed over the pretense under which the de Salles were attempting to secure recognition as blue-blooded Americans, she combined with all these characteristics a loyalty to her family which was not forgotten even after she found herself in love with Geoffrey Rawson.

Mrs. de Salle was "ma". No other title fitted her. She had not progressed as fast as her daughters in the acceptance of the demands of high society, and still showed in her loud voice, impossible costumes and lumbering gait, that she came from regions far remote from the exclusive circles of Washingtonian society.

Of the men, Peter Swallow easily took the leading part. He was a dealer in monuments and was an artist in his line. He was so convincing as to the merits of his particular brand of tombstones over those of all other makes, that he made one almost feel willing to die just to have one of his marble shafts erected over the grave.

Justin Rawson is a typical American gentleman, a little inclined to be dictatorial to his younger son, and a great deal held down by the conventions of society. His sister, who ruled the household of Rawson, is an efficient help-meet; a gentle lady, forsooth, but firmly convinced that her set is just a little better than the average. Anthony Rawson is a man after his father's own heart; gay, debonair, and sure of his place in the social world. He is a scoundrel, however, and admits it with downcast face and shifting eyes when Mrs. Bumpstead-Leigh confronts him with the tale of his wrong-doing.

Geoffrey Rawson is the athletic, sun-burned younger son of the house of Rawson, who cares little for society life. He is a carefree, happy lad when in his chosen sphere as a rancher in New Mexico, but rather shy in evening dress which he so much detests. He is true blue, however, as is shown by his treatment of the de Salle family after Violet makes her appalling announcement.

Kitson, the butler, and Nina, the maid, are also very good in their respective roles. Kitson is the stolid-faced, highly respectable butler with an ear quick for gossip, but whose faithfulness to the Rawsons is deserving of much credit. Nina is the pretty, silly little maid, an easy victim to Anthony's underhanded love-making but fully con-

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GOLDSMITH PRIZE SPEAKING

Town Hall Completely Filled to Hear Punchard Pupils Contest for the Prizes at Twentieth Annual Competition

The twentieth annual Goldsmith Prize Speaking took place in the town hall last Friday evening. A large number of friends of the school and the speakers were present and they heartily applauded the efforts of each contestant. The speaking was very good, and although the pieces were of considerable similarity, the way in which they were delivered showed careful training and hard work.

The winners were Miss Ada Brewster of the class of 1915 and Eldred Larkin of the class of 1916. Their deliveries were especially good. Miss Brewster imitated a little boy telling a weird and terrible tale, to perfection. One could almost see the great big bear chasing the little boy up the tree and hear the ker-plug ker-splank as that same bear fell to the ground, dead.

Mr. Larkin's voice penetrated every corner of the hall and his delivery was excellent. He certainly merited the boy's prize.

Mr. Cates of the Senior class had a most interesting selection but his voice, though naturally deep, did not carry well and all parts of his selection could not be heard.

Miss Abbott, 1916, told her story in a clever way and pleased the audience with her tale of the mischievous monkey. Miss Koch and Mr. Abbott were well chosen as representatives of the class of 1917, Miss Koch being especially good. Mr. Abbott had a humorous darkey piece and his take-off of the negro dialect was fine, but his voice was rather low and in some of the parts he could not be heard.

The members of the 1918 class who spoke also did well. Miss Leslie gave

"An Artist in Whitewash" from Tom Sawyer in a most pleasing manner. He delivery was clear and her gestures natural and she was a close rival to Miss Brewster who won the prize. Mr. Tishbart's selection was funny but hardly up to the standard of what the Prize Speaking should mean to the school. He was very good, however, in his imitation of a French Canadian and he caused much laughter and applause, especially from the school.

The chorus work by the school was most pleasing and Miss Meyer's three solos at the end of the program were delightful in their sweetness.

The program follows:

School Chorus, "Annie Laurie" Lady John Scott
An Artist in Whitewash S. L. Clement
Vera Lealie, '18
Bateson, The Lucky Man Drummond
William Tishbart, '18
Sandy Alice Hegan Rice
May Koch, '17
The Examination Moore
George Allen Abbott, '17
Anvil Chorus, from "Il Trovatore" Verdi
School
The Monkey W. L. Alden
Cora Elizabeth Abbott, '16
Fourth of July Oration Woodrow Wilson
(Philadelphia 1914)
Eldred Wilson Larkin, '16
The Bear Story that Alex. let Made Up His Own Self Riley
Ada Brewster, '15
The Indian Chief to the White Settler Edward Everett
Howard Lincoln Cates, '15
Three Songs by American Composers:
The Cry of Rachel Mary Turner Saller
The Wind Charles Gilbert Spruss
At Dawning Charles Wakefield Cadman
Miss Myer

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BROKE INTO GARAGES

Many Articles Stolen From Mrs. Smith's and Maurice Curran's Man Arrested in Boston

Friday night and Sunday morning, the two largest and best equipped private garages in town, those of Mrs. Joseph Smith of Central street and Maurice J. Curran of North Main street, were broken into. A considerable amount of loot was taken from both places, consisting of a fur coat, cloth coat, shoes, blue sweater, shot gun, leather case, from the former garage, and two caps, three guns, scarf, gunning vest, calabash pipe and clock from the latter. The breaks were of such a similar nature that Chief Smith was convinced they had been perpetrated by the same man or gang.

On Wednesday the chief went to Boston after receiving a telephone message from Inspector Murphy of the Boston police, to identify some goods that were found in the possession of one Joseph Pulkin, alias Smith, alias Steve Poliski, whom the inspector had arrested as a suspicious character. The articles tallied with those which had been stolen and Pulkin was placed in the Cambridge jail on a charge of grand larceny. He is to remain in custody until the setting of the grand jury in January when he will be asked to explain his actions.

Pulkin is a rather tall man, good-looking and well dressed, with big, rather starey eyes. Officer Napier feels sure he is the man who was found in the Musgrove building asleep one night recently, for the descriptions seem the same. Inspector Murphy thinks he may be the man who is wanted in Paris, Maine, for murder.

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PART I

Overture, Scottish Melodies, Columbian Orchestra
Address of Welcome Chief John Crook
Quartet, "Scots Wha Hae"
Madames Chalmers and Nichols and Messrs. Singer and Kennedy.
Song, "Jessie the Flower o' Dunblane" Frederick Kennedy
Song, "Scottish Blue Bells" Madam Nora Chalmers
Dance, "Highland Fling" Misses Ferguson and Boyd
Song, "Jessie's Dream" Madam Grace W. Nichols
Song, "March o' the Cameron Men" James Singer

PART II

Duet, "The Crookit Bawbe" Madam Chalmers and Mr. Kennedy
Song "Down the Burn Davie Lad" Madam Grace W. Nichols
Song, "Gae Bring Tae Me a Pint o' Wine" James Singer
Dance, "Irish Jig" Misses Ferguson and Boyd
Song, "Can Ye by Athol" Madam Nora Chalmers
Song, "My Nannie's Awa" Mr. Kennedy
Duet, "Come Under My Plaidie" Madam Nichols and Mr. Singer

C. E. Social

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Free church held a very interesting social in the vestry on Tuesday evening. The program which consisted of two short plays and musical selections, was much enjoyed by those present and the young people deserve a great deal of credit for their hard work in making the entertainment a success. Miss Eva Howell, president of the society, was in general charge and her untiring efforts were well rewarded.

A most attractive candy and cake table in the ladies' parlor was part of the evening's entertainment.

The object of the social was to provide flowers for the church decoration, which portion of the church work is in the society's charge, and a generous sum was realized.

The following program was carried out:

Hymn, "The Christian Endeavor Army" Members
Play by girls "The Wrong Miss Mather"
Catherine Clement, Mildred Kennitzer, Lexie Harris, Marion Fraser, Margaret Hodge, and Ina Taylor.
Violin solo, Master Samuel Hibbard,
Accompanied by Miss Jean Dundas
Reading, "A Smack at School" Marion Fraser
Piano solo Mildred Kennitzer
Play by boys, "Going to the Dentist"
Eric Cuthill, Alfred Coates, Robert Black
Piano duet Misses Taylor and Kennitzer

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SERVICES FOR COMING WEEK

SOUTH CHURCH

Central Street

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Rev. E. Victor Bigelow, Minister

10.30 Sunday. Christmas service with sermon by the Minister.

12.00. Sunday School session.

6.30. Christmas Endeavor meeting.

7.30. Union Christmas service, under the care of The King's Daughters.

7.30 Tuesday. Toy makers of Wonderland. Cantata by the boys and girls.

7.45 Wednesday. Christmas Prayer Meeting for the Church.

7.00 Thursday. Christmas Tree and Santa Claus for the Sunday School (above the Primary Department).

3.00 to 5.00 Saturday. Children's Christmas Party for the Primary Department and Cradle Roll.

WEST CHURCH

Congregational. Organized 1826

Rev. Newman Matthews, Pastor

10.30 Sunday. Christmas service with special music.

12.00. Sunday School.

7.00. C. E. Meeting, led by Edwin Matthews.

7.00. Service in Osgood district.

6.00 Wednesday. Neighborhood Christmas entertainment in Osgood district.

7.00 Thursday. Christmas service of Sunday School.

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11.45. Sunday School Christmas service at Pearson Hall.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Organized 1832

Rev. W. E. Lombard, Pastor

10.30 Sunday. Preaching by the pastor.

11.45. Sunday School.

6.30. Y. P. S. C. E.

7.30. Union Christmas service, South Church.

7.45 Wednesday. Prayer meeting.

7.15 Thursday. Christmas exercises and tree.

Supper for children at 6.30.

CHRIST CHURCH

Central Street

Episcopal. Organized 1835

Rector, Rev. C. W. Henry

9.00 Sunday. Holy Communion.

10.30. Morning Prayer and Sermon.

12.00. Sunday School.

5.00. Evening Prayer and Address.

7.15 Thursday. Christmas Eve. Festival service with carols.

9.30 Christmas Day. Holy Communion.

10.30 Christmas Day. Holy Communion and sermon.

FREE CHURCH

Elm Street

Congregational. Organized 1846

Rev. Frederick A. Wilson, Pastor

10.30 Sunday. Worship with music and sermon appropriate to Christmas.

12.00. Sunday School.

4.00. Christmas Concert.

6.30. The Y. P. S. C. E.

7.30. Union service in South Church.

7.45 Wednesday. The Mid-week Prayer and Conference service.

3.00 to 5.00 Thursday. Entertainment and Christmas Tree for Primary Department of the Sunday School.

7.30. Christmas entertainment for the Main Sunday School and adults.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

East Street

Roman Catholic. Organized 1850

Rev. Fr. Riordan, Pastor

6.30 Sunday. Mass and instruction.

8.30. Mass and instruction.

Sunday School to follow.

10.30. High mass and sermon.

2.45. Children of Mary Sodality meeting each Sunday.

3.30. Vespers, rosary, and benediction.

7.30 Thursday. Holy Hour devotion.

First Sunday of month. Communion day for Sacred Heart Sodality.

Second Sunday of month. Communion day for Knights of Good Council.

Third Sunday of month. Communion day for Holy Name society.

Fourth Sunday of month. Communion day for Children of Mary.

Holy Name society meets fourth Monday evening of each month.

Sacred Heart Sodality meets first Friday evening of each month.

Knights of Good Council meet second Wednesday evening of each month.

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Altar boys meet first Monday evening of each month.

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THREE LARGE TOWNS SUFFER BOMBARDMENT

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Forty-Four Known to Be Dead, Women and Children Being Among the Victims—Mines and British Fleet Evaded by Attacking Ships, Which Escape in Dense Fog to Their Base—Russian Army in Retreat in Poland as Fresh German Forces Push on Toward Warsaw—Gains by Allies in Western War Area

For the first time in centuries England has been struck by a foreign foe. A squadron of swift German cruisers crept through the fog to the eastern coast and turned their guns against the Britons.

They began the bombardment of three important towns—Hartlepool, at the mouth of the Tees; Whitby, thirty-five miles southward, and Scarborough, fifteen miles beyond.

Hartlepool suffered most. There two battle cruisers and an armored cruiser were engaged, and at this place the greatest loss of life occurred.

The British war office fixes the number of dead at Hartlepool at seven soldiers and twenty-two civilians, and the wounded at fourteen soldiers and fifty civilians.

At Scarborough, where a battle cruiser and an armored cruiser shelled the town, thirteen casualties are reported, while at Whitby two were killed and two wounded.

Men, women and children of the civilian population were left dead or wounded. In all, the casualty list totals 110, according to the official estimates, of whom forty-four are known to be dead.

Three churches were damaged, the gas works and lumber yards at Hartlepool were set afire, and the abbey at Whitby was struck. The Balmoral hotel at Scarborough received the full effects of a shell, and a number of houses and shops were shattered and partly burned in each of the towns.

Invaders Escape
The hostile squadron escaped after an encounter with coastguard vessels patrolling the neighborhood, which were reinforced as soon as the presence of the Germans was signalled.

A wave of intense anger has spread over England because of the attack, and bitter denunciation is heard everywhere of a policy which permits the shelling of undefended towns. The fortress at the mouth of the Tees is supposed to give some protection to the important shipping base of Hartlepool, but Whitby and Scarborough are open to the enemy.

In a direct line the mouth of the Tees is about 350 miles from Heligoland, the important German naval base in the North sea. The British admiralty says the German ships were among their fastest. They chose a night when a thick mist prevailed to reach the English coast and must have left their base at least two hours before dark, and, as they started to return about 9 o'clock in the morning, there still remained about seven hours of daylight for the pursuit, which, however, was rendered almost impossible by the fog.

Evaded All Traps
How the Germans evaded all the mines and patrols remains somewhat of a mystery, although experts recall that in maneuvers British ships performed the same feat in the comparatively small space between England and the Scilly Islands, which, however, was not mined.

Except for the working people, the English are apt to be late risers during the short winter days. The bombardment by the German cruisers occurred between 8 and 9 o'clock and many people were at breakfast; others were on their way to work or were opening their shops.

The booming of heavy guns off the three towns drew hundreds of people to the beaches. They had no thought of a German raid, but when shells came crashing over their heads and into the quiet streets, the people made a dash for shelter.

The Situation in Poland
The big battle which has been raging on the centre of both battle lines in northern Poland has apparently turned to the advantage of the Germans, according to the official advices from Petrograd.

The Russian general staff admits that after a stubborn conflict on the line from Kiernozia to Sochaczew, south of the river Vistula, the Russian forces "retreated slightly."

As Sochaczew is only twenty-five miles from Warsaw, whereas the advanced point of Field Marshal von Hindenburg's centre was last reported at Lowicz, which is fifty miles from the city, it would appear that the Germans have made a tremendous advance during the fighting of the last three days.

It is evident that the masses of reinforcements which the Germans have been pouring down into the plains from Thorn, by way of the Vistula,

have proved too much for the battle-worn troops of the czar.

Further to the south conditions are framing up for another big battle south of Cracow, in which nearly all that is left of the Austrian army will probably be involved. Russian reinforcements are pouring into this region and the Germans are hurrying thousands by rail to join the Austrian armies. It is probable that more than 1,000,000 will be engaged in the coming conflict.

It is believed the plan of the Russian commander is to strike the Austrians before they can unite with the Germans, and then to deal with the kaiser's men separately.

The Austrian corps which were taken from Serbia and sent through Dukla pass in the Carpathians to relieve the pressure on Hungary are traveling fast and the Russians are retiring before them, but this is believed to be in accordance with the usual Russian tactics. Petrograd expects important happenings in the Cracow region within the next forty-eight hours.

In Western War Area
Aid to the general advance which the allies have been making in Flanders was given by the British warships in the North sea, which again shelled the town of Westende on the coast. This action enabled the French and Belgian troops, who have been pushing north from Nieuport for two days, to extend their lines to the sea a few miles northeast of Nieuport.

This was the feature of the day in Flanders, where the operations were marked by a spirited offensive movement on the part of the allies and a slight advance of their front to the eastward.

The operations, started with Nieuport as a base, are regarded as part of the plan to drive the Germans back to their second line of defense in Belgium and to threaten their entire front in Flanders by a flanking movement to the north. General Joffre has dispatched a considerable force of French troops to reinforce those already engaged in this attempt.

SENSATIONAL NAVAL FEAT

Submarine Dives Under Mines and Torpedoes Turkish Warship

A communication issued by the British official bureau announced that the Turkish battleship Mesudieh had been torpedoed by a British submarine. The official bureau's statement is as follows:

"Submarine B 11, in charge of Lieutenant Commander Holbrook of the royal navy, entered the Dardanelles and in spite of the difficult current dived under five rows of mines and torpedoed the Turkish battleship Mesudieh, which was guarding the mine fields.

"Although pursued by gunfire and torpedo boats the B 11 returned safely after being submerged, on one occasion, for nine hours.

"When last seen the Mesudieh was sinking by the stern."

The Mesudieh was built at Blackwall, Eng., in 1874 and reconstructed at Genoa in 1903. She was 332 feet long, 59 feet beam and of about 10,000 tons burden. She had a speed of 17½ knots and her main battery consisted of two 9.2-inch guns in turrets, and twelve 6-inch guns in battery.

In the war with Greece, in 1912, the Mesudieh was reported badly damaged in a naval battle in the Dardanelles. She carried a crew of 600 men.

THE BULWARK DISASTER

Warship Blown Up by Ignition of Her Own Ammunition

The official British press bureau announced that the sinking of the battleship Bulwark apparently was not due to a hostile act. Investigation has disclosed no evidence of treachery on the part of any person aboard the vessel, or of any act by an enemy.

An inquiry into the Bulwark disaster, according to the official press bureau announcement, shows that it was the result of an explosion due to the accidental ignition of the ammunition on board.

The Bulwark was destroyed on Nov. 26 while lying off Sheerness. About 800 lives were lost.

ANXIETY OVER KAISER

Diphtheria Said to Have Been Followed by Serious Sore Throat

A Madrid dispatch published in the Paris Journal says:

"Reliable news received here says that Emperor William's condition, although recorded by the bulletins as improved, is giving great anxiety. His doctors speak of a serious sore throat, following diphtheria, which the emperor contracted during a visit to the eastern front."

NO AUSTRIANS IN SERBIA

King Peter Re-enters Belgrade at the Head of His Army

King Peter and Crown Prince Alexander and Prince George have entered Belgrade at the head of the victorious Serbian army, according to advices from Nish.

Not a single Austrian, a statement by the Serbian general staff says, now remains on Serbian soil.

Ruppert Buys the Yankees
The New York American league club has been sold to Jacob Ruppert. The price is about \$450,000. Ruppert will not acquire any interest in the Federal league.

Gift of \$100,000 to Yale
A gift of \$100,000 to the Sheffield scientific school of Yale from Frederick W. Vanderbilt is announced.

SCOTT TO ACT AS EMISSARY

American Army Chief Ordered to Mexican Border

CONDITIONS ARE UNBEARABLE

Bliss Will Remain at Head of Large Body of Troops Prepared to Meet Any Hostile Move Which May Follow Returning of Shots From Mexican Side of Boundary Line

General Scott, chief of staff of the army, was ordered to Naco, Ariz., by Secretary of War Garrison, to take charge of the situation there, which has become critical. General Scott left at once and will reach Naco Saturday noon.

It is not intended that Scott will supersede General Bliss, in command of the United States troops on the border. He will go rather as an emissary to the Mexican factions.

Garrison issued this statement in connection with ordering Scott to the border:

"By reason of the personal acquaintance acquired with the different factions while he was stationed on the border, General Scott has been sent to Naco. This is done in the hope he may be able, by reason of the knowledge and acquaintances acquired, to induce the warring factions on the Mexican side of the line to desist from imperiling persons and property on our side. General Bliss has pointed out to us the possibility of utilizing General Scott's knowledge and experience in this way."

Scott is a close personal friend of Villa as well as many other Mexican leaders, and he will go to Naco, it is understood, as a sort of emissary in a final attempt to prevent conditions which, if they continue, now seem certain to result in an armed clash.

Word from Galveston to the war department was to the effect that the new troops ordered to Naco have started on their way to Naco. Some delay was experienced in gathering proper equipment for the expedition.

With additional troops due at Naco on Saturday, the "show down" there can be expected almost immediately thereafter. The United States has not changed its position. Unless the firing across the border stops it will be returned. The three additional infantry regiments and three batteries of artillery now en route there are for the purpose of giving sufficient troops to meet any hostile move that may follow the returning of the shots by the American forces should that become necessary.

Officialdom—Secretary of War Garrison and his advisers excepted—expect that the mere presence of an overwhelming force of nearly 5000 American regulars at Naco will have a deterring effect on the warring Mexican factions. The army officials most familiar with the Mexican point of view say they believe neither Governor Maytorena nor General Hill will believe the United States is in earnest until shells actually fall on Mexican soil.

Then, if Hill follows out the orders sent him by Carranza, he will turn his guns against the Americans, because Carranza has declared American gunfire would be an unfriendly act.

Scott, however, will have troops enough to meet any emergency. Should the Mexicans attempt any offensive they will be sternly dealt with, but Secretary of State Bryan is confident that if trouble comes it will be confined to the Carranzista forces.

PREPARED FOR BUSINESS

Batch of United States Troops Sent to the Mexican Border

Further demonstration was made by the United States government of its determination not to tolerate continued firing by the Mexican factions at Naco, Mex., into American territory.

President Wilson instructed Secretary Garrison to comply with the request of Brigadier General Bliss at Naco, Ariz., for reinforcements to handle a possible emergency situation. Three regiments of infantry and three batteries of artillery were ordered to Naco.

The general understanding in administration quarters is that, as soon as the additional American forces are placed in position on the international line, the United States will return any artillery or infantry force which may come from Mexican territory.

MINISTER DIES AT 105

Bidwell Occupied Methodist Pulpit Three-Quarters of a Century

Rev. Sedgwick W. Bidwell, said to be the oldest Methodist minister in the country, died at Middlebury, Vt. He was 105 years of age.

Bidwell had lived in East Middlebury since his retirement after three-quarters of a century of service as a clergyman, and he celebrated his 100th anniversary on Dec. 6, 1909, by delivering a sermon in the village church.

New Head of Vassar

Henry N. McCracken, professor of English at Smith college, was appointed president of Vassar college to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Taylor.

TASKER H. BLISS.

Commander in Charge of American Troops Sent to Protect Mexican Border.



Photo by American Press Association.

BROWN SOUGHT AS A FUGITIVE

Boston Broker Defaulted When Case Is Called in Court

Interest in the case of Robert B. Brown, former Boston broker and treasurer of the Southern Maine Steamship company, which caused a furor when Brown's arrest followed the discovery by business men about Boston that many of them had been fleeced out of upward of \$125,000 by means of bogus notes, was revived when Brown was defaulted in the superior criminal court at Boston.

District Attorney Pelletier says he will go to the ends of the earth if necessary to bring Brown back to face trial, and intimates that it is believed Brown is in Australia, and has been there several months.

DIVORCE IS ASKED

Cowles, Who Figured in Navy Yard Fracas, Is Sued by Wife

Sensational testimony is promised in the suit of Mrs. Florence J. Cowles against Dr. Edward S. Cowles, who conducts the Cowles sanatorium at Portsmouth, N. H.

Judge Young gave Mrs. Cowles a temporary injunction restraining her husband from interfering with her personal liberty and giving her the custody of their two daughters, pending the outcome of the trial.

Cowles formerly lived in Boston and was involved in the sensational court martial of Paymaster Auld at the Charlestown navy yard in 1910 that resulted in the court martial of two naval officers. The Cowles were married in 1908.

RICHARD CANFIELD DEAD

Man Who Owned Noted Gambling Places Succumbs to Accident

Richard V. Canfield, former gambler, whose houses of chance were famous places in their day, died at his home at New York of a fracture at the base of his skull, received in a fall on the stairs of a subway station.

Canfield was almost as well known in art as in gambling circles, for he was a connoisseur, and numbered among his friends many collectors and artists. It is believed he died possessed of a big estate, a rare accomplishment for a man who acquired his wealth running gambling houses.

GENERAL NEWS EVENTS

Delinquent students at Dartmouth college will not hereafter be permitted to make up their deficiencies by attendance at the Dartmouth summer schools.

Schedules in bankruptcy of the Wellington Rubber company of Medford, Mass., disclosed liabilities of \$100,942.

Dr. Patrick W. Murphy, 38, of Canton, Mass., was thrown from an auto and killed.

General Bronsart von Schellendorf, the former Prussian minister of war, died at Berlin.

The V. S. Undermuslin company, manufacturers of ladies' underwear at Worcester, Mass., filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, disclosing liabilities amounting to \$138,857.61.

The New England Belgian relief fund has reached \$134,500.14.

Leon Smith, who escaped from the penitentiary at Columbus, O., where he was serving a life sentence for murder, was arrested at New York.

Stephen C. Perry, federal district attorney, died at Portland, Me., of pneumonia.

Robert, Nelson, 8, died at Newburyport, Mass., as the result of a coasting accident.

The Methodist church at Southampton, Mass., was destroyed by fire. The loss is about \$17,000.

The New Zealand vote in favor of national prohibition has receded slightly, according to the latest returns.

William F. Palmer, 41, a prominent lawyer, chairman and Republican politician, committed suicide at his home in Waterford, N. Y., by shooting.

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NATION'S LABOR PROBLEM

OVER A MILLION AND A HALF WOMEN WORK AS FARM HANDS IN THE UNITED STATES.

By Peter Radford
Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

Our government never faced so tremendous a problem as that now lying dormant at the doors of congress and the legislatures, and which, when aroused, will shake this nation from center to circumference, and make civilization hide its face in shame. That problem is—women in the field.

The last federal census reports show we now have 1,514,000 women working in the field, most of them south of the Mason and Dixon line. There were approximately a million negro slaves working in the fields when liberated by the emancipation proclamation. We have freed our slaves and our women have taken their places in bondage. We have broken the shackles off the negroes and welded them upon our daughters.

The Chain-Gang of Civilization.
A million women in bondage in the southern fields form the chain-gang of civilization—the industrial tragedy of the age. There is no overseer quite so cruel as that of unrestrained greed, no whip that stings like the lash of suborned destiny, and no auctioneer's block quite so revolting as that of organized avarice.

The president of the United States was recently lauded by the press, and very properly so, for suggesting mediation between the engineers and railroad managers in adjusting their schedule of time and pay. The engineers threatened to strike if their wages were not increased from approximately ten to eleven dollars per day and service reduced from ten to eight hours and a similar readjustment of the overtime schedule. Our women are working in the field, many of them barefooted, for less than 50 cents per day, and their schedule is the rising sun and the evening star, and after the day's work is over they milk the cows, chop the hogs and rock the baby to sleep. Is anyone mediating over their problem and to whom shall they threaten strikes?

Congress has listened approvingly to those who toll at the forge and behind the counter, and many of our statesmen have smiled at the threats and have fanned the flame of unrest among industrial laborers. But women are as surely the final victims of industrial warfare as they are the burden-bearers in the war between nations, and those who arbitrate and mediate the differences between capital and labor should not forget that when the expenses of any industry are unnecessarily increased, society foots the bill by drafting a new consignment of women from the home to the field. Pinch no Crumb From Women's Crust of Bread.

No financial award can be made without someone footing the bill, and we commend to those who accept the responsibility of the distribution of industrial justice, the still small voice of the woman in the field as she pleads for mercy, and we beg that they pinch no crumb from her crust of bread or put another patch upon her ragged garments.

We beg that they listen to the scream of horror from the eagle on every American dollar that is wrung from the brow of toiling women and hear the Goddess of Justice hiss at a verdict that increases the want of woman to satisfy the greed of man.

The women behind the counter and in the factory cry aloud for sympathy and the press thunders out in their defense and the pulpit pleads for mercy, but how about the woman in the field? Will not these powerful exponents of human rights turn their talent, energies and influence to her relief? Will the Goddess of Liberty enthroned at Washington hold the calloused hand and soothe the feverish brow of her sex who sows and reaps the nation's harvest or will she permit the male of the species to shove women—weak and weary—from the broad-line of industry to the back alleys of poverty?

Women and Children First.
The census enumerators tell us that of the 1,514,000 women who work in the fields as farm hands 409,000 are sixteen years of age and under. What is the final destiny of a nation whose future mothers spend their girlhood days behind the plow, pitching hay and hauling manure, and what is to become of womanly culture and refinement that grace the home, charm society and entice man to leap to glory in noble achievements if our daughters are raised in the society of the ox and the companionship of the plow?

In that strata between the ages of sixteen and forty-five are 950,000 women working as farm hands and many of them with suckling babes tugging at their breasts, as drenched in perspiration, they wield the scythe

Public School Notes
Miss Barrett, supervisor of drawing at the local schools, will spend the Christmas holidays at her home in Hartford, Conn.

Miss Jessie Brown of the S. C. Jackson school leaves today for her home in Whiting, Vermont, for the Christmas holidays.

No special programs have been arranged for the John Dove school, but they will gather in Punchard Hall this afternoon for Christmas music and recitations.

At Punchard the last hour was spent today in singing Christmas songs.

TEN TO TWENTY YEARS IN JAIL

Sentence of Dudley For Causing Death of Miss Sullivan

RETRACTS NOT GUILTY PLEA

Doctor Admits Manslaughter and Miss Pelletier Pleads Guilty to Abortion and is Sentenced—Miss Michaud Released, While Bridge is Held For Trial as Accessory

Dr. Lionel E. Dudley must serve from ten to twenty years in the Maine state prison for having caused the death of Mildred Sullivan.

Alice Pelletier, indicted with him as an accessory, must serve from 1½ to three years.

Kate Michaud, also indicted for murder, was set free because of her confession, which led to the arrest and trial of Dudley and Miss Pelletier.

Ambrose Bridge, Miss Sullivan's sweetheart, will be held in the county jail for trial at the next term of court on the charge of having been an accessory to an illegal operation.

These sentences were pronounced at Houlton, Me., after the Sullivan murder trial had been brought to an abrupt end by the changing of Dudley's plea of "not guilty" of murder to one of "guilty of manslaughter."

The abandonment of its case by the defense came unexpectedly. When the court opened Attorney Shaw, chief counsel for Dudley announced that, after careful consideration, he deemed it his duty to advise his client to plead guilty to a charge of manslaughter.

"The state feels," Attorney General Wilson answered, "that it is in the interests of justice to accept a plea of guilty of manslaughter, and not to press the charge of murder."

Alice Pelletier was the first sentenced. County Attorney Archibald not pressed two counts found by the grand jury—those of accessory after the fact and of murder—leaving the indictment charging abortion. Miss Pelletier pleaded guilty to this. The maximum penalty for the crime is three years; the minimum a year and a half.

When Dudley was called he appeared weak and shaken. When he pleaded guilty his lips formed the words, but his voice could hardly be heard, even by those close at his side.

Ambrose Bridge refused to change his plea of not guilty to being an accessory to an illegal operation. The court continued the case for trial.

The murder charge against Kate Michaud was dropped and the indictment charging her with abortion was placed on file. She was immediately released.

Dudley was taken to Thomaston to begin his state prison term of ten to twenty years.

Alice Pelletier could not be removed from the county jail because of illness. She became hysterical when Dudley was taken away.

Other prisoners sentenced by the supreme court who accompanied Dudley to Thomaston included Alden Boulter, sentenced for life for killing Emma Jensen of New Sweden; George Cyr, who is to serve two years for burglary; and Herbert and Louis Cote, who were committed to the state school for boys during their minority, for killing a playmate.

RECORD CARGO OF EGGS

Steamer Leaves Boston For London With 12,000 Cases on Board

What is believed to be the largest shipment of eggs ever sent from this country to England left Boston aboard the Leyland line steamer Anglian, bound for London.

Twelve thousand cases of western eggs from Chicago and other points make up the shipment and there are 4,370,000 eggs in the lot. At the present quotation for storage eggs the entire shipment is worth \$80,000. The British army will receive part of the consignment.

FARMS BREAK RECORD

Kansas Products in 1914 Yield \$58,000,000 More Than Ever Before

The value of Kansas farm products in 1914 was \$638,253,206, which was \$58,000,000 greater than in any other year, according to the report of J. C. Mohler, secretary of the state board of agriculture.

Wheat, according to the report, led all other crops, with a valuation of more than \$151,000,000. The corn yield was valued at \$59,000,000, oats at \$17,000,000 and hay at \$18,000,000.

Clergyman a Suicide

Rev. Elmer F. Pember of Bangor, Me., whose death was reported to have resulted from a stroke of apoplexy, committed suicide by shooting, according to a finding by the coroner. He retired from the Universalist ministry in 1906.

Bank Preparing to Liquidate

The Middlesex Banking company of Middletown, Conn., is taking steps to liquidate, and with that end in view has suspended payment on debenture bonds issued by it.

Eight Hundred Miners Entombed

An explosion occurred in a coal mine at Kukuoka, Japan, as a result of which 800 laborers are imprisoned in the workings of the mine.

MRS. MILLS SAYS SHE IS GUILTY

Admits Manslaughter in the Killing of Manley

The trial of Mrs. Jennie M. Mills of Henniker, who was charged with the murder of Charles A. Manley, came to a sudden end at Concord, N. H., when she changed her plea of not guilty to that of guilty of manslaughter in the first degree.

If the trial had gone on the woman's 14-year-old daughter Frances would have been an important witness.

It was the daughter's story that led to the woman's arrest. She had escaped suspicion for weeks. Then the statement came from the girl, accusing her mother of slaying Manley, for whom Mrs. Mills was housekeeper.

The accused is declared to have said she shot Manley upon his return to his home in a drunken condition and while in fear of her own life.

Manley was found in his bed with his head blown off by a shotgun on March 4.

THE BOSTON ELECTION

Good Government Candidates Chosen For City Council

The Good Government association forces swept Boston, electing John A. Coulthurst, Walter Ballantyne and Henry E. Hagan to the city council for three years.

Joseph Lee and Frederick L. Bogan were elected to the school committee for three years.

License was carried by a majority of 10,357. The "drys" made a gain of slightly over 4 percent over the vote of last year. The total vote was something over 50,000, or about 49 percent.

Elections in other cities resulted as follows:

City	Mayor	License
Beverly	H. A. MacDonald	Yes No
Chelsea	J. H. Malone	2688 2142
Newburyport	C. J. Fogg	1385 1623
No. Adams	W. E. Brown	1636 1165

*Re-elected.

TACOMA GOES TO COLON

Cruiser Will Protect Neutrality of Panama Canal Zone

Secretary Daniels ordered the cruiser Tacoma, now at San Domingo, to proceed to Colon to guard against violations of the neutrality of the Panama canal.

Colonel Goethals again cabled to Secretary of War Garrison, setting forth his need for torpedo boat destroyers in canal ports in order to preserve the neutrality of the canal zone.

In his message Colonel Goethals says he has no means of preventing the use of the canal or Panama ports as a means of communication, and that these ports apparently are being used to this end at the present time.

Goethals expressed the opinion that there was as much necessity for torpedo boat destroyers at canal ports as at any other American ports where they were stationed to prevent breaches of maritime laws or of neutrality.

"SAFETY FIRST"

Schooner Fifty-Two Days on Trip From Bangor to Boston

A record passage for a sailing vessel between Bangor and Boston for slowness was made by the 62-year-old schooner Mary Brewer, which arrived at Boston from Bangor, the trip of 250 miles occupying a passage of fifty-two days.

Owing to the vessel's age, Captain Foster took no chances, keeping anchored in harbors until conditions looked favorable. In that way he managed to escape gales.

Explosion Kills Seven

A natural gas explosion in a Cleveland two-story tenement house occupied by foreigners, killed seven persons, seriously injured eight and wrecked the building.

IN BOSTON MARKETS

Quotations given here are strictly wholesale and retailers must expect to pay more for small lots:

Butter—Northern creamery extras, 33½¢; western creamery extras, 33¢; western firsts, 30½¢; 31½¢.

Cheese—York state fancy, 16¢; 16½¢; fair to good, 15¢; Young America, 16½¢.

Eggs—Choice henney and nearby, 55¢; eastern extras, 51¢; western extras, 47¢; western prime firsts 43¢; western firsts, 39¢; storage extras, 24¢; storage firsts, 23¢.

Apples—Melrose reds, 33¢; 4 bbl; Baldwin, No. 1, \$1.75; No. 2, \$1.25; 1.50; snow, \$1.75; 2.75; kings, \$2.25; 3; Hubbardston, \$1.50; 2; northern spys, \$1.50; 2.50; sweet apples, \$1.50; 2.50.

Potatoes—Aroostook Green Mountain, \$1.10 per 2-bu bag; sweet potatoes, \$1.25; 1.35 bbl.

Dressed poultry—Northern fowl, large, 14¢; 15¢; medium, 14¢; 15¢; native broilers, 22¢; 23¢; northern roasting chickens, large, 20¢; 22¢; mixed 18¢; turkeys, northern, 24¢; 26¢; western dry packed, 20¢; 21¢; lead, 18¢; 19¢; native frozen green ducks, 18¢; 19¢; native green geese, 18¢; 20¢; native quab, 23¢; 25¢; 26¢; native pigeons, 11¢; 12¢; 13¢.

LAWRENCE

Mrs. Clinton O. Andrews entertained the Chadwick Club Tuesday evening at her home on Kendrick street, and program No. 3 of the winter's list of musicales was enjoyed.

A successful sale of fancy and domestic goods was held Monday afternoon and Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Orphans' Friend Society in the Orphan Asylum. Articles of this nature, suitable for Christmas gifts, may be obtained at the asylum until Christmas.

Activities on the part of Mayor Kane during his first two days in office in delving into central bridge affairs and the city's finances indicate that an expectant public will soon have two important messages from the director of finances and public affairs upon these two all important and much-talked-about matters. The mayor spent the entire afternoon Tuesday, until long after dusk in fact, perusing books and papers concerning the bridge and the finances and he was on the job early Wednesday to resume his task.

The members of Prof. A. G. Labonte's dancing classes were tendered a snowflake party Monday evening in Saunders hall. Dancing was enjoyed from 8 o'clock until midnight. Music was furnished by Bardsley's orchestra. The feature of the evening was the snowstorm, something new and original in the way of decorations. Imitation snowflakes were bundled up in American flags which were folded and placed near the ceiling and just previous to intermission the signal was given and the dancers were showered with white particles. The hall was decorated in white and green, the walls being draped with bunting of those colors, and in the center was hung from the chandelier a cluster of green banners to which ran many streamers of white paper mache. In the foreground of the platform, upon which the orchestra was seated, were four arches covered with illuminated poinsettias.

METHUEN

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brides of Manchester have been visiting friends in town.

Charles and Donald McCleary of New Bedford have been spending several days in town.

The usual Christmas tree exercises will be held at the Second P. M. church on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Gainsley of Worcester have been visiting friends in town for the past few days.

Several of the local young men who are students at the University of Maine, are expected home for the Christmas recess.

Howard F. Paige of Lynn, formerly of this town, has been spending a day or two with Assessor and Mrs. Henry N. Hall of Walnut street.

Elizabeth Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Brown of High street, is recovering from the effects of a recent accident, when she was struck by a sled.

Wendell Tilton has been chosen manager of next year's baseball team at the Methuen high school. Raymond Whitehead has been chosen manager of next year's football team.

A meeting of the Mothers' Society of the Baptist church will be held at the church vestry Friday evening. A box lunch will be served, the ladies being asked to each bring a box.

The Junior Baraca class of the Baptist church is planning an entertainment to be given some time next month. The chairman of the committee in charge is Philip Keyes.

A business meeting of the Christian Endeavor society of the Baptist church is called for 5 o'clock next Sunday afternoon when election of officers will take place and the leaders for the next six months will be announced. A full attendance of the members is requested for the meeting.

Skating is again reported good. The Spicket river is frozen over again above the dam, and many of the boys and girls are taking the risk of skating on it. The river, because of the air-holes, is none too safe at any time, but it is considered safer now than it has been at any other time this season.

In addition to the programs for Christmas which are to be given under the direction of Musical Director Herbert Fay Nye, most of the schools are planning to observe the holiday season in their own way, with entertainments, Christmas trees, etc. Some quite elaborately worked out programs are being arranged.

The selectmen have issued requests to the various departments to have their bills all in by January 10, so that the accounts for the year may be closed up. The board has called for bids on the printing of town reports, which will probably be opened at the meeting of the board Saturday morning, December 26. The meeting next week comes on Saturday for the reason that the usual meeting night, Friday, is the holiday.

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NORTH ANDOVER

Court Lincoln, A. O. F., will hold the semi-annual election of officers this evening.

Mrs. Carl Albrecht of Sunny Side Park, who has been quite ill, is improving.

Robert J. Patten, state supervisor of assessors, has recently inspected and approved the records of the local board of assessors.

All bills against the town must be presented to the town auditor, James W. Elliot, or the board of selectmen on or before Thursday, December 31.

The local assessors attended the annual meeting and banquet of the Massachusetts Assessors' association held at the American House, Boston, Thursday.

Attorney Jeremiah F. Mahoney has resumed his professional duties after a number of weeks' illness. He may be located either at his residence on Elm street or at his office in the Bay State Building, Lawrence.

Another of the series of informal dancing parties which are being conducted this season at the North Andover club was held Tuesday night and proved a most delightful affair. Members of the club and Woman's Auxiliary and their friends were in attendance.

A supper and social for the men of the North Parish Unitarian church was given in North Parish hall on Thursday, December 17. Rev. Arthur S. Pettengill of Portland, Me., gave a talk on "The Workingman and the Unitarian Church." Guests were in attendance from Lowell, Lawrence and Haverhill.

The attention of the members of the Woman's Union and Girls' Club is called to a chicken-pie supper to be served at the Congregational church next Thursday evening at 6.30 o'clock. This is one of a series of suppers during the winter for the members of the Woman's Union and their families.

Arthur J. Daw of Norwood, formerly of North Andover, has been elected captain of the Civics baseball club of the first-named place. A Norwood paper says: "Manager Daw has certainly been the leader in the batting department, as he led with an average of .370. His work in left field has not only been steady but at times sensational."

On Thursday evening following the supper a social assembly will be held at the Congregational church beginning at 7.45 o'clock. One feature of the evening will be an address by George L. Parker of Somerville, for a number of years pastor of the American church in St. Petersburg, Russia. The people of the parish and their friends are invited.

The nominating committee recently chosen to prepare a list of officers to be voted upon met at the rooms of the Young Men's Catholic association on Thursday evening at 9 o'clock. The committee on awarding the Victrola machine to be given away by the association desires all the tickets to be returned not later than Sunday as it is planned to draw the elegant machine on Monday night.

At Tuesday night's session of the Grange the members listened to an address on "Equal Suffrage" given by Mrs. Lewis J. Johnson, president of the Cambridge Political Equality Association. The meeting was the last one of the year. Reports were given by Forest Warden George A. Rea and Miss Jessie Barker, the delegates to the State Grange sessions at Worcester last week, and suggestions were received for the 1915 program.

Keep Your Heart Open

There is this year unusual necessity for economy. There is much distress. There is gloom abroad—some of it due to the war, some of it ascribable to other causes. Ills affecting prosperity, the opportunity for employment and to earn a living, and the material aspects of life, have their influence upon the community and upon the mental attitude of the individual. Depression is catching. Sometimes it spreads in spite of anything the hopeful and the optimistic and the never-say-die can do. There is an inevitable tendency in people to get into the same boat, if not actually and financially, at least sentimentally. This is a habit, or a condition, against which it is the duty of him who can to guard with all his might.

With Christmas approaching he is the better man and she the better woman who keeps the doors of the heart wide open. If fortune has been fickle, if since last December's closing days unbidden trouble and anxieties have come to oppress, that is no reason why the finer attributes of the soul, of life and of human existence should be permitted to shrivel or atrophy. To take it for granted that Christmas must be bad and sad, instead of good and glad, merely because there has been industrial discouragement and business disappointment for the greater part of 1914, is to confess that man lives by bread alone. That isn't worthy of a people who have been so singularly blessed as we of the United States.

Strange it is, but true, that when untoward events overtake folks there is too often a disposition to steel themselves against impulses which in ordinary times make for joy, laughter and the most gentle gratifications of the year. This is a mistake. Whatever else you think you can do without, don't fancy Christmas is one of them. Keep your hearts open to the refreshing waters of the Christmas-tide and you and the world about you will be happier!

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 Sunday School to follow.
 6.00. Christmas Concert.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
REV. JAMES KING, Pastor
 10.30 Sunday. Worship with sermon by pastor. Sunday School to follow.
 7.00. Christmas Concert.
 7.30 Friday. Evening Prayer Meeting.

Mrs. Jeffrey Quessy has been ill at her home on River street.

The Ballard Vale Mills Co.'s plant is running five days a week.

The young people have been enjoying exceptionally fine skating the past week.

Mrs. E. E. Mitchell of York, Me., has returned from visiting relatives in the village.

Communion will be observed at the Congregational church next Sunday forenoon.

Fred Weld, a former well-known resident of Ballardvale, spent Sunday with relatives in the village.

Mrs. Roy M. Haynes has been spending several days with her sister, Mrs. E. R. Lawson of Somersworth, N. H.

There will be a choir rehearsal in the Methodist vestry for the Christmas concert this evening instead of Saturday, at 7.45 o'clock.

Mrs. Nelson Townsend will have charge of the special "good of the order" at the meeting of Ballardvale lodge next Monday evening.

Special preparations are being made in both the churches to have the Christmas exercises especially good this year, and the committees are sparing no efforts toward that end.

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Ballardvale lodge, No. 105, held Monday evening. The good of the order was in charge of Miss Clara Moody and was exceptionally fine. It consisted of an "Ad Social." Mrs. Nelson Townsend was awarded first prize. After this all enjoyed a "Pit Party."

There was a large attendance at Bradlee hall Wednesday evening to listen to the fourth number in the course of entertainments consisting of impersonations, sketches and musical novelties, by "The Marshes." The impersonations were exceptionally good and Mr. Marsh's ventriloquism specially amused the younger portion of the audience. The program closed with a short sketch by Mr. and Mrs. Marsh which made the hit of the evening and was a fitting ending to one of the best entertainments ever given in the village.

Obituary

MRS. GRACE McKEON

Mrs. Grace A. (Bonner) McKeon, one of Ballardvale's best known and respected residents, died Monday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock after a brief illness.

The deceased was born in Liverpool, England, and came to this country in 1870 and settled in Ballardvale, and she has since resided here. She was a devout Catholic. She was a member of Harmony lodge of Lawrence, American Benefit Society. All her friends sincerely mourn her loss. She leaves four sons—Thomas R., William E., Martin J., and James of Lynn, and one daughter, Miss Mary E. McKeon.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at 9 o'clock in St. Joseph's church. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Donovan. The pall bearers were Patrick McGovern, Michael Flaherty, Patrick Murnane and Joseph Lynch. Interment was in the family lot in St. Augustine's cemetery, Andover.

Obituary

MRS. ETHEL McALLISTER

Mrs. Ethel McAllister, wife of William B. McAllister, died Saturday forenoon at 10.30 o'clock after a brief illness, at her home, 213 Willow avenue, Somerville, at the age of twenty-six years. The deceased was well known here in Ballardvale, having lived in one of Mr. Harwood's bungalows during the past two summers. She was a kind-hearted, estimable woman, always striving to make those around her happy, and in this manner endeared herself to a large circle of friends, to all of whom her sudden death is a real loss. Besides her husband she leaves one son, Donald, to mourn her loss.

The funeral took place this afternoon at two o'clock at her late home in Somerville. Interment in the family lot in Malden.

Cards of Thanks

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their many acts of kindness and words of sympathy during our recent bereavement.

Signed

THOMAS R. McKEON
 WILLIAM E. McKEON
 MARTIN J. McKEON
 JAMES McKEON
 MISS MARY E. McKEON

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors both of Ballardvale and elsewhere for their kindness and many expressions of sympathy in our recent bereavement.

Signed

MRS. GEORGE SMITH
 MISS MABEL SMITH
 REV. FRED SMITH

FOREFATHERS' DAY OBSERVED

North Essex Congregational Club Celebrated Event With Ladies' Night. Interesting Addresses Followed.

The North Essex Congregational Club fittingly observed Forefathers' Day Tuesday evening at the South church, and made it more eventful by inviting the ladies who were present in large numbers. The meeting was held in the vestry and from 6.30 to 7 o'clock there was an informal social gathering, after which the company sat down to an excellent supper served by a committee of ladies from the church under the direction of Mrs. Charles H. Shearer. The tables were attractively decorated and the guests were greatly pleased with the hospitality and good cheer.

Following the supper special addresses relative to Forefathers' Day and to problems which have developed since the days of the Pilgrims were delivered, and an open forum was held during which several speakers amplified the remarks of the leaders. Judge Charles U. Bell, president of the club, was chairman. A specially pleasing part of the program was the musical numbers, solos being rendered by Miss Lillian Pike, soprano, and J. Everett Collins, baritone. Choirmaster F. G. Moore brought a very efficient accompanist. The meeting was one of the most successful in the history of the club. The program was as follows:

Music

Forefathers' Night Discussion:
 Reactionaries Ancient; as affecting new life in a new land—George E. Hathorn, North Andover

Music

Reactionaries Modern; as affecting conditions of today in National Life—Hon. Louis S. Cox, Lawrence

Music

"In Christian Endeavor"—Dr. William Shaw, General Secretary National C. E. Society

Music

The officers of the club are: President, Judge Charles U. Bell; vice-president, Rev. Robert W. Beers, Lawrence; secretary and treasurer, Newton P. Frye, No. Andover; membership committee—Kendall S. Norwood, Lawrence; C. S. Moxley, North Andover; Edward H. Humphrey, Lawrence; home work committee, Rev. John L. Keedy, North Andover; James E. Horne, Lawrence; Charles A. Stone, Lawrence; J. Burnham, North Andover; Robert J. MacCartney, Lawrence.

The efficient corps of waiters who served the excellent supper consisted of Misses Eva Erving, Maide Erving, Elizabeth Abbott, Edith Wade, Beatrice Temple, and John Erving, Dana Lowd, William Abbott, Carl Lindsay, and J. Everett Collins.

Left Out in the Cold

The Andover Townsman only last week, in a nice long poem proceeded to speak of the many good things of every sort, that in Andover might be bought. By the man or woman, girl or boy, who wished to give some one Christmas joy.

But of the Tea Garden not one word, Though I listened hard and never stirred. As one read of the good things big and small.

Can it be one town can hold them all? The Tea Garden said, "Ah me, Ah me" Why I am forgotten, I hardly see. It may be because I'm so far away And the weather is cold and the breezes gay.

So I hasten to tell my friends so good To come and see me. I wish they would. But should the way seem long down Central street.

And I have some things they would like to eat.

They have only to telephone 22 M And I'll send Christmas goodies straight to them.

Changes in Rates

The Boston & Maine railroad have issued a schedule of rates, which goes into effect the first of the new year, from Andover to the different stations mostly frequented by town people. The following are the changes:

	Old rate	New rate
Boston	.52	.55
Malden	.42	.45
Wyoming	.39	.45
Melrose	.38	.45
Wakefield	.32	.35
Reading	.27	.30
Wilmington Junction	.12	.15
Lowell Junction	.08	.15
Wigginville	.26	.25
Bleachery	.26	.30
Lowell	.30	.30
Ballardvale	.06	.10
Lawrence	.08	.10
Manchester, N. H.	.73	.80
No. Andover	.12	.15
Haverhill	.25	.30
Dover	1.10	1.15
Portland	2.30	2.25
New York, via Boston	5.52	5.80

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The Christmas entertainment following the supper at 7.20 will consist of:
 A Christmas Song Primary Dept.
 Knowlton Stone and Frank Blunt, soloists
 Christmas music Chorus of young ladies
 Instrumental music (to be announced)
 An Emblematic Christmas selection
 Christmas Tree
 Friends will be given the privilege of exchanging gifts on the tree and also of donating something for the Soldiers Testament Fund.

CHRIST CHURCH

Christmas Eve Service

The Sunday School Festival Service will be held in the church on Christmas Eve, at 7.15 o'clock, with the following order of service:

Organ Prelude, "Evening Song" E. F. Johnson
 Processional, Hymn 51 F. Mendelssohn
 Opening Sentences
 Carol, "Carol, Sweetly Carol" A. P. Howard
 1st Lesson
 Carol, "Ring out the Bells for Christmas" B. F. Michelson

2nd Lesson
 Carol, "The First Nowell" H. B. Day
 Creed and Collects L. H. Redner
 Carol, "There's a Song in the Air" Hymn 58

Address
 Offertory, "Elevation" A. Guilman
 Benediction
 Recessional, Hymn 60 H. Smart
 Organ Postlude, "March in B flat" Reed

Christmas Day 10.30 A.M.

The service at 10.30 o'clock Friday morning, December 25, being Christmas Day, will be as follows:

Organ Prelude, "Pastorale" from First Sonata A. Guilman

Processional, Hymn 56 J. Wainwright

Venite G. C. Martin

Te Deum Laudamus in C Traditional

Benedictus G. J. Elvey

Intr. Gloria Kyrie Elision

Gloria Tota J. Keedy

Hymn 49

Offertory Anthem, "O Come, Redeemer of Man-kind" J. E. West

Sanctus W. H. Monk

Communion Hymn 228 F. Mendelssohn

Gloria in Excelsis

Recessional, Hymn 51 A. W. Marchant

Organ Postlude, "Grand Chorus in D"

The music for Christmas Day will be repeated at the morning service on the following Sunday.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

Solemn High Mass, 10.30

Prelude, "Christmas March" Marks

Asperges Me Processional, "With Glory Lit" Rogers

Missa, St. Cecilia's Ren. J. E. Turner

Veni Creator Spiritus Coriada

Offertory, "Adeste Fideles" Novello

Recessional, "O Sing a Joyous Carol" Rheinberger

Postlude, Marche

Solemn Vespers, 7.30

Psalms Gregorian

Adeste Fideles Novello

Alma Redemptoris Magnificat

O Salutaris Hostia

Tantum Ergo

Laudate Dominum

Hymn for Christmas

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Royal Arcanum

At the annual meeting of Andover Council, Royal Arcanum, held recently the following persons were elected officers for the coming year:
 Regent, Warren L. Johnson; vice-regent, Frank S. Valentine; orator, John V. Holt; collector, Frank N. Kendall; treasurer, Charles W. Clark; chaplain, John Manning; guide, George E. Holt; warden, Robert Lochhead; sentry, Alexander Grant; trustee for three years, Joseph H. Lowd.

R. C. O. A.

The eighth annual meeting of the R. C. O. A. was held in the club rooms on Central street Monday evening and there was a large attendance of members. The reports for the year showed the club to be in a flourishing condition, with a large increase in membership. The organization has been active in a social way and besides conducting several dances is giving the public of Andover one of the best entertainment courses ever presented.

The officers elected for 1915 are as follows:

President, Harry Sellars; vice-president, Rowland H. Lindsay; secretary, Roy E. Hardy; treasurer, William D. Sellars; directors: Kenneth Foster, Roy W. Rhodes, Harold Cates.

Following the election refreshments consisting of chicken sandwiches, potato chips, crackers, cheese, coffee, frozen pudding and cake were served and a social and smoke talk were enjoyed.

Sons of Veterans

The Sons of Veterans at their annual meeting elected the following officers: Commander, H. D. Flint; senior vice-commander, E. E. Philbrick; junior vice-commander, O. Richardson; secretary, J. S. Billington; treasurer, W. E. Buxton; camp council, Guy Gilbert, F. Eastman, Ira Buxton. There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment at G. A. R. hall next Wednesday evening at which all the members of the Camp are requested to be present. A general good time is promised.

A joint installation with the G. A. R. and W. R. C. will be held in January.

Pythian Sisters

The Pythian Sisters have elected the following named persons to serve in office for the ensuing year: Most excellent chief, Mrs. Grace York; most excellent senior, Mrs. Charles Sanderson; most excellent junior, Miss Ethel Hinton; manager of Temple, Mrs. J. J. Cady; outside guard, Mrs. Sarah Beattie; trustee for three years, Miss Rosetta Todd; mistress of records and correspondence, Mrs. Robert Taylor; mistress of finance, Miss Catherine Taylor.

Obituary

SYLVANUS LOVEJOY

Sylvanus Lovejoy, an old resident of West Andover, was found dead by some of his neighbors, on Wednesday morning, in an out-building near his home. Death was due to heart failure. Mr. Lovejoy was seventy-five years of age and for many years was crossing tender on the Boston and Lowell branch which goes near Haggett's pond. He is survived by his wife.

Deaths

On December 16, 1914, Mrs. Charles C. Starbuck. In Andover, December 16, 1914, Mrs. Mary Qualey, aged 48 years, 11 months. Burial in Bellevue cemetery, Lawrence.
 In Ballardvale, December 14, 1914, Mrs. Grace McKeon, aged 64 years. Burial in St. Augustine's cemetery, December 16, 1914.

Obsequies

MRS. ANNIE JOHNSON ROSS

The body of Mrs. Annie Johnson Ross, who died in Pelham, N. H., last Monday, was brought to Andover for burial on Wednesday. Rev. F. A. Wilson conducted services in the South church vestry and interment took place in the Spring Grove cemetery.

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